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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCED

1. AT NOON BRIEFING MARCH 1, DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN
ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS APPOINTED FOUR MORE
MEMBERS TO THIS COMMISSION WHICH WILL VISIT SOUTHEAST ASIA.
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS SPOKESMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT:

AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT, THE FOLLOWING FOUR
DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS HAVE AGREED TO SERVE ON THE
PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION WHICH WILL TRAVEL SHORTLY TO
SOUTHEAST ASIA, TO SEEK AN ACCOUNTING FOR AMERICANS MISSING
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THERE:

MRS. MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S
DEFENSE FUND
FORMER SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD OF MONTANA
CONGRESSMAN G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY OF MISSISSIPPI
FORMER AMBASSADOR CHARLES YOST

AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED THE COMMISSION WILL BE LED BY
UAW PRESIDENT LEONARD WOODCOCK. END TEXT.

2. IN ANSWERING PRESS QUESTIONS AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT
THE PRESS SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT WE EXPECT A SMALL STAFF
FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL ASSIST THE COMMISSION, IT WILL
BE LED BY JAMES ROSENTHAL, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF VLC. THERE
WILL ALSO BE A SMALL DOD REPRESENTATION. THE SPOKESMAN
STATED THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE LAO AUTHORITIES
BUT THAT HE HAD NOTHING MORE ON THIS RIGHT NOW. THE
COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE WEEKEND AFTER NEXT FOR
SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT THE DEPART-
MENT DOES NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE FOR PRESS TO ACCOMPANY
THE COMMISSION. ASKED IF THERE HAS BEEN ANYTHING NEW FROM
THE VIETNAMESE SIDE THAT WOULD LEAD US TO BE OPTIMISTIC,
THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BEING WILLING TO RECEIVE THE
DELEGATION IN ITSELF IS HELPFUL.

2. BEGIN LOU FYI FOR PARIS. SEVERAL NEWSMEN WILL APPAR-
ENTLY BE ASKING THE VIETNAMESE FOR VISAS AND WILL SEEK
THE DEPARTMENT'S HELP IN OBTAINING THESE VISAS. THE PRESS
SPOKESMAN TOLD NEWSMEN THAT WE WILL MAKE THE VIETNAMESE
AWARE OF THIS PRESS INTEREST. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, YOU
SHOULD MERELY TAKE THE NAMES OF NEWSMEN WHO INQUIRE ABOUT
POSSIBLE VISAS FOR VIETNAM AND TELL THEM WE ARE LOOKING
INTO THE MATTER. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THEM THAT MATTER IS
ESSENTIALLY ONE FOR THEM TO WORK OUT DIRECTLY WITH VIETNA-
MESE. END FYI. END LOU.

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